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(CST). SUMMARY REPORT ON NOVEMBER 26-27, 1973 MEETING

REF : A. USOECD 25092, B. USOECD 30136, C. USOECD 29965

1. SUMMARY . USEFUL, BUSINESS-LIKE SESSION EFFECTIVELY
DISPOSED OF 17 AGENDA ITEMS HIGHLIGHTING STRONG CST SUPPORT
OF (A) SURVEY OF ENERGY R&D, (B) STUDY OF INNOVATION IN
SERVICE SECTORS, (C) STUDY OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY BY
MULTINATIONAL FIRMS. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING EARLY U.S.
ATTENTION INCLUDE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO R&D, TECHNO-
LOGY ASSESSMENT, CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER/TELECOMMUNICATIONS
POLICIES, ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH POLICIES, AND SOCIAL
SCIENCES. CST CHARGED EXTENDED BUREAU WITH PRIORITY TASK
OF 1974-75 PROGRAM PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS FOR PROPOSED
1975 SCIENCE MINISTERIAL. EXTENDED BUREAU TO MEET JANUARY 15-
16, NEXT CST MEETING MARCH 19-20. ACTION REQUESTED : ALL ITEMS
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THIS MESSAGE REQUIRE ACTION AS INDICATED. END SUMMARY

2. SURVEY OF ENERGY R&D. ORAL REPORT BY CHAIRMAN COLOMBO AND SECRETARIAT ON PROGRESS AND PLANS FOR SURVEY AND PROPOSED FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES, REFTEL (A), RECEIVED PRIORITY SUPPORT FROM CST. COORDINATION WITH RELATED AND COMPLEMENTARY EC SURVEY CLARIFIED BY FRENCH, BELGIAN AND IRISH DELEGATES. U.S. UNDERScoreD SIGNIFICANCE OF OECD SURVEY AND FACT U.S. INTENDED TO SUBMIT RESPONSE TO DAS/SP/73.389 BY JANUARY 31, 1974 DEADLINE. OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES URGED TO MEET THIS DEADLINE. CHAIRMAN COLOMBO NOTED PRIVATELY TO U.S. DEL THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT LITTLE WAS ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO LONGER TERM R&D ASPECTS IN OVERALL OECD ENERGY STUDY BASED ON HIS DISCUSSION WITH HIGH-LEVEL ENERGY CONSULTANT SCHNEIDER AT NOVEMBER 12 MEETING OF RELEVANT OECD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN. COLOMBO PLANS TO STRESS THESE CONCERNS AT NEXT CHAIRMEN MEETING WITH SCHNEIDER SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 1, 1974.

3. INNOVATION IN SERVICE SECTORS. AFTER MANY MONTHS SPENT ON STRUCTURING THIS COMPLEX STUDY, CST SHOWED POSITIVE, ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT TO APPROACH AND PLANS PRESENTED BY AD HOC GROUP CHAIRMAN BERGER (GERMANY) AND SECRETARIAT. DOCUMENTS SPT(73)23 AND DAS/SPR/73.90 TABLED AT MEETING OUTLINE THIS ACTIVITY WHICH HIGHLIGHT PRIORITY PARTICIPATING COUNTRY INTEREST IN (A) HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY, AND (B) COMMUNITY AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. OTHER AREAS MAY ALSO BE EXAMINED. SECRETARIAT PUSHING AHEAD WITH INVITED EXPERT MEETING DECEMBER 10-11 TO BE FOLLOWED UP BY BERGER AD HOC GROUP MEETING IN JANUARY 1974. U.S. DEL NOTED PROPOSED SUBMISSION OF NBS AND RAND CORPORATION CASE STUDIES IN AREA OF COMMUNITY AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

4. ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO R&D - SYSTEMATIC APPROACH. PROPOSED WORK, SPT(73)20, AND ORAL REPORT OF EARLY NOVEMBER EXPERT GROUP SEMINAR ON MODULAR STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS OF OVERALL NATIONAL R&D ALLOCATIONS RECEIVED WITH CAUTION. SEMINAR REPORT AVAILABLE BY END 1973, TO BE EXAMINED BY AD HOC CST GROUP CHAIRED BY RICHER (FRANCE) WITH U.S. U.K. AND BELGIUM AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE. PROGRESS REPORT TO BE PRESENTED TO NEXT CST MEETING.

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5. TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT. AS REQUESTED AT PREVIOUS CST MEETING, SECRETARIAT PROPOSED FOLLOW-UP WORK, SPT (73)19, IN AREA OF SOCIAL ASSESSMENT OF TECHNOLOGY. SOME RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED ON VALUE AND FEASIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL OR COMPARATIVE STUDIES. WITH RESPECT TO GOVERNMENT/BUSINESS SECTOR INTER-RELATIONSHIPS IN SUCH ASSESSMENTS, CST DELS SUGGESTED INVITING COOPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY AND

EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION. INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY GROUP TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP
TOPICS AT JANUARY 10-11, 1974 MEETING WITH REPORT BACK TO
NEXT CST MEETING.

6. TRANSFER TO TECHNOLOGY/MULTINATIONAL FIRMS. PROPOSED
STUDY, SPT(73)21 AND DAS/SPR/73.64, AGREED WITH CONSIDERABLE
ENTHUSIASM QUALIFIED BY CONDITION CST WORK MUST BE CLOSELY
COORDINATED WITH OVERALL OECD ATTENTION NOW BEING GIVEN THIS
FIELD BY XCSS. CST AD HOC GROUP ESTABLISHED TO DEFINE/CLARIFY
CST STUDY WITH RESPECT TO OVERALL OECD COUNCIL PLAN TO BE
AVAILABLE IN NEAR FUTURE. CST AD HOC GROUP TO INCLUDE U.S.
ITALIAN, BELGIAN, SWEDISH REPS SUPPORTED BY COUNTRY EXPERTS
FROM GERMANY, FRANCE, U.K. JAPAN, CANADA, SPAIN, GREECE AND
PROBABLY OTHER COUNTRIES. FURTHERMORE, AD HOC GROUP ON
INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION PUT FORWARD SUGGESTIONS FOR PRIORITY
ATTENTION AT ITS NOVEMBER 21-22 MEETING, REFTEL (B).

7. CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER/TELECOMMUNICATIONS. POLICIES.
CST AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO HOLDING PROPOSED CONFERENCE BUT
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EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE RESERVATIONS IN BROAD, OPEN-ENDED PLAN OUTLINED IN SPT(73)16. THEREFORE, STEERING GROUP (TO MEET DECEMBER 10, 1973) CHARGED WITH COMPRESSING TOPICS INTO CONCRETE POLICY ISSUES SUITABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION, REFTEL (C), WITH REPORT BACK TO NEXT CST MEETING.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH POLICY. REPORT, SPT (73)11, BY CHAIRMAN ENGSTROM OF JOINT CST/ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE GROUP OUTLINING FOLLOW-UP CST WORK WAS ENDORSED BY CST. U.S. DEL STRESSED NEED TO GIVE PRIORITY SUPPORT TO MODEST 1974 PROGRAM PROPOSALS. ALSO, CST RECOMMENDED THAT JOINT GROUP BE KEPT IN EXISTENCE TO CONSIDER SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT MAY COME UP IN THE FUTURE WHICH ARE OF CONCERN TO BOTH COMMITTEES. HOWEVER, SECRETARIAT STRESSED FACT THAT NO RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR CONTINUING SUPPORT THIS ACTIVITY. USOECD COMMENT: SINCE THIS PROPOSED WORK WAS U.S. PROPOSAL TO 1971 SCIENCE MINISTERIAL AND IS OF MUCH HIGHER PRIORITY TO U.S. THAN MANY OTHER CST ACTIVITIES, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT U.S. DEL AND MISSION EXERT STRONG PRESSURE ON SECRETARIAT AND CST BUREAU TO REDIRECT 1974 RESOURCES FROM MARGINAL ACTIVITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, CUG/IPG PROGRAMS DO NOT WARRANT 20 PERCENT OF TOTAL CST

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BUDGET AND COULD PROFIT FROM STREAMLINING TO FOCUS ON MORE MEANINGFUL OBJECTIVES; THUS PROVIDING POTENTIAL SUPPORT OF AT LEAST ONE MAY-YEAR OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF TIME TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH POLICY ISSUES. GUIDANCE REQUESTED.

9. SCIENCE MINISTERIAL/1974-75 PROGRAM. FOLLOWING INITIAL STATEMENTS BY CHAIRMAN COLOMBO AND DIRECTOR GENERAL KING ON NEED FOR INCREASED CST INVOLVEMENT IN PROGRAM PLANNING AND MINISTERIAL PREPARATIONS, PARTICULARLY DURING PERIOD WHEN NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL WOULD ASSUME CHARGE IN EARLY 1974, THE CST DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION LAST HALF DAY TO FULFILLING THESE IMPORTANT TASKS. CST AGREED TO HOLD EXTENDED BUREAU MEETING, JANUARY 15-16, TO GIVE FIRST STAGE INPUT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF 1974 PROGRAM AND PREPARATION DRAFT 1975 PROGRAM AS WELL AS CONSIDERATION OF 1975 SCIENCE MINISTERIAL:

(A) 1974-75 PROGRAM. USOECD RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT REVIEW C(73)135, CHAPTER IX, IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE ACTIVITIES IN LINE WITH U.S. PRIORITY INTERESTS AND FIXED REAL RESOURCE LEVEL. THIS WILL BE CRITICAL IN GUIDING SECRETARIAT IN PREPARATION OF OUTLINE 1975 PROGRAM PROPOSALS TO BE DISCUSSED AT MARCH 19-20, 1974 CST MEETING, AND FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION AT LATE MAY/EARLY JUNE CST MEETING. GUIDANCE REQUESTED.

(B) SCIENCE MINISTERIAL. CST GAVE STRONG SUPPORT, EXCEPT FOR U.K., FOR A MEETING OF CST AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL NO LATER THAN LATE SPRING 1975. GENERAL UNDERSTANDING REACHED THAT THIS FIFTH MINISTERIAL MEETING SHOULD NOT BE OVER-PREPARED AND PREDISGESTED, BUT STAGED TO GIVE GUIDANCE TO FUTURE OECD

PRIORITY COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. OBVIOUS THAT SOCIAL SCIENCES AND COMPUTER/TELECOMMUNICATIONS WERE NOT SUFFICIENT ISSUES FOR MINISTERIAL, BUT RATHER THERE IS NEED TO TAKE STOCK OF IMPACT OF BROOKS REPORT ON NATIONAL POLICIES AS WELL AS GIVE ATTENTION TO INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE SECTOR INNOVATIONS, ENERGY R&D, AND NATURAL RESOURCES R&D MANAGEMENT ISSUES. CHAIRMAN COLOMBO PROPOSED MINISTERIAL THEME OF "SCIENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MORE HARMONIOUS SOCIETY" AND DIRECTOR GENERAL KING PROPOSED "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE." KING FOLLOWED UP WITH SUGGESTED AGENDA CONSISTING OF (A) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT LINKED TO A GENERAL STRATEGY PAPER COVERING CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND TRENDS, (B) ITEM ON SOCIAL DIMENSIONS COVERING SOCIAL SCIENCES AND INNOVATION, (C) ITEM ON R&D FOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COVERING ENERGY, MATERIALS, UNCLASSIFIED

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AGRICULTURE, AND (D) COMMUNIQUE. LIKELY THAT COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR SCIENCE MINISTERIAL WILL BE REQUESTED FOLLOWING MARCH CST MEETING. GUIDANCE REQUESTED FOR JANUARY 15-16 CST EXTENDED BUREAU MEETING.

10. OTHER ITEMS:

(A) R&D STATISTICS. REPORT, SPT(73)14, ON CURRENT WORK AND PLANS ENDORSED, BUT CST AGREED TO CRITICALLY REVIEW THIS ACTIVITY ON PERIODICAL BASIS, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO USE OF OECD-WIDE R&D STATISTICS BY POLICYMAKERS.
(B) EXCHANGE OF RESEARCH WORKERS-/INVENTORY OF OUTSTANDING FACILITIES. DISCUSSION POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH CST MEETING WITH REQUEST THAT ALL COUNTRIES PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION, SPT(73)15, IN ORDER THAT SECRETARIAT SUMMARIZE COMMENTS.
(C) SOCIAL SCIENCES. CST EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT IN PROGRESS THIS AREA WITH REQUEST ALL COUNTRIES PROVIDE REQUESTED INPUTS, DAS/SPR/73.69 AND 70. INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP MEETS NOVEMBER 26-27, 1973. U.S. RESPONSE REQUESTED.
(D) RESEARCH SYSTEM. DRAFT REPORT ON U.S. AND CANADA AVAILABLE END 1973 FOR NATIONAL REVIEW. CONFERENCE PROPOSED IN LISBON, JUNE 1974, TO CONSIDER CONCLUSIONS OF THIS AND PREVIOUS EUROPEAN STUDIES (PUBLISHED).

11. USOECD COMMENT. U.S. DEL, GRANGER, AND USOECD SCIENCE ADVISER HAD MOST USEFUL DISCUSSION WITH CHAIRMAN COLOMBO ON NOVEMBER 26 WHICH PROVIDED BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING EXTENDED BUREAU TO TAKE LEAD IN FUTURE PROGRAM PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS OF SCIENCE MINISTERIAL (ITEM 9, ABOVE). COLOMBO STRONGLY SUPPORTED U.S. POSITION THAT KEY MEMBER COUNTRIES MUST PROVIDE INCREASED LEADERSHIP IN CST PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY DURING TRANSITION PERIOD WHEN NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS WILL REPLACE KING IN EARLY 1974. THEREFORE, U.S. DEL, WHO IS NOT CURRENTLY BUREAU MEMBER, WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND BUREAU MEETINGS. COLOMBO ALSO EXPRESSED VERY

SERIOUS CONCERN THAT KING'S REPLACEMENT HAD NOT BEEN
NAMED, AND INDICATED HIS INTENTION TO BRING HIS CONCERNS TO
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